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SUBJ: DJIBOUTI PRESIDENT GOULED VISITS EGYPT

1. AUGUST 14-16 VISIT TO EGYPT BY DJIBOUTI PRESIDENT
GOULED AND FONMIN ABDALLAH KAMIL, EN ROUTE FROM SAUDI
ARABIA TO FRANCE, RECEIVED FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE IN LOCAL
DAILIES, BUT WAS OVERSHADOWED BY MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS ON
ARAB-ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN- SOVIET FRONTS. GOULED MET
SADAT EVENING AUGUST 14 FOR DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWED BY SMALL
DINNER. AUGUST 15 APPARENTLY DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO
TOURING ALEXANDRIA'S MUSEUMS AND MONUMENTS, SQUIRED BY
MINSTATE FONAFFAIRS MUHAMMAD RIAD. VP MUBARAK
ACCOMPANYING GULED TO AIRPORT MORNING AUGUST 16.

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2. ONLY DETAILS CONCERNING SUBSTANCE OF DISCUSSIONS
APPEARED IN PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED BY FONMIN KAMIL
AUGUST 15. STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT EGYPT FIRST
STATE TO RECOGNIZE REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI AND NOTES THAT
DJIBOUTI WILL SEEK ADMISSION TO ARAB LEAGUE AT ARAB LEAGUE
COUNCIL (FONMINS) MEETING SEPTEMBER 3. KAMIL HIMSELF RETURNING

TO CAIRO TO PUSH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AT COUNCIL MEETING.
KAMIL NOTES THAT GOULED AND SADAT DISCUSSED RED SEA
SECURITY, BUT STATEMENT BLANDLY STATES THAT "DJIBOUTI'S
POSITION ON RED SEA SECURITY SAME AS THAT OF OTHER
LITTORAL STATES". DEVELOPMENTS IN HORN ARE NEATLY
SIDE-STEPPED BY PHRASE " AFRICAN FOR THE AFRICANS",
WITHOUT MORE SPECIFICS.

3. COMMENT: GIVEN FIGHTING BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA
AND CLOSURE ADDIS ABABA- DJIBOUTI RAIL LINK, GOULED
MUST BE FEELING IN PRECARIOUS POSITION. ALTHOUGH
EGYPT DO LITTLE, OUTSIDE OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE,
FOR DJIBOUTI, GOE HAS CONSISTENLY ADVOCATED DJIBOUTI'S
CONTINUED INDEPENDENCE. GULED MAY HAVE USED VISIT TO
URGE SADAT TO PLEAD DJIBOUTI'S CAUSE WITH WELL-HEELED
ARABS. IT EVEN CONCEIVABLE THAT GOULED REQUESTED SADAT
TO RAISE QUESTION OF AID TO DJIBOUTI WITH USG. JUDGING
FROM RESTRAINED TONE OF PRESS COVERAGE OF GOULED TALKS,
GOE MADE NO SPECIFIC NEW ECONOMIC COMMITMENTS DURING
DISCUSSIONS.
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